SENATE BILL 1662 By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-101, is amended by adding the following new subsection:
 - (h) Persons employed as vocational education teachers shall have some practical experience in the area in which they are providing instruction.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-402(a), is amended by adding the following sentence:

The salary ratings and salary schedules set for persons teaching vocational education courses or programs shall take into account the level or amount of practical experience the instructor has in the area in which instruction is being given.

- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-104(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (6) and substituting the following:
 - (6) The level and degree of practical experience possessed by persons seeking to provide vocational instruction shall be the principal factor in the selection of instructors.
 - SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.